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Paper Works

Recommended Products:

[Eco-Solutions Activity Kit \(#109\)](#)

1. Skill Builders 2
 - a. Papermaking was developed in China centuries ago. Follow the directions in your book and make your own paper. Get permission from a parent or guardian before starting this activity.
 - b. "Papier-mache is popular because it is easy to learn. Make a mold for your project, & do a project. When you are finished, let your project dry. Paint your project & finish with a shellac or varnish."
 - c. Paper cutting is an art form in many cultures. Find out about tools/expertise needed & participate in a class or try a kit on your own.
 - d. "Decoupage is a craft where paper is glued to a surface. Create your own design using cut paper, once dry, decoupage it!"
 - e. Origami is paper folded to create 3D art. Refer to a book on the topic or work with someone who knows the art and complete at least 3 different designs.
2. Technology 1
 - a. Visit a paper plant or processing facility. What equipment is needed to make products? Has technology improved the development of paper products? Does this process differ from your own paper-making process?
 - b. "Archivists rely on different types of paper. Learn how the following affect the longevity of paper products: acid-free stock, rag content, dyes & finishes."
 - c. "Use a computer program & design some stationery, posters, greeting cards or something else. Compare the results from color printers to that of black-&-white printers."
 - d. "With aid of computers, develop a catalog of craft projects you & your friends have made. Include illustrations if possible. Develop a price list. Print & distribute to others."
3. Service Projects 1
 - a. Organize a paper drive collecting paper to be used in craft projects by your or other troops or groups. Collect a variety of paper goods.
 - b. "Using a variety of paper products, learn the technique of bookmaking. Make a scrapbook or journal & give to a friend who is attending a wider opport. Ask her to record her trip & share upon return."
 - c. Help a group of Brownie or Junior Girl Scouts complete an art project that involves the use of paper.
 - d. Design & make greeting cards for a holiday or event. Donate these to a group who can use them.
4. Career Exploration 1
 - a. "Many are involved in processing paper. Find out about at least 2 of the following careers: chemist, wallpaper designer, paper wholesales, gift shop owner, greeting card buyer and printer."
 - b. "Develop a money-making project by designing cards, gift tags or gift wrap. Use a computer to design & produce your product. Or, try calligraphy, stenciling or fabric bonding."
 - c. "Visit a paint store, home improvement center. Find out what types of wallpaper are avail. and how they can be used for different decorating purposes."



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- d. List arts-related careers that use paper. Find out the skill level/training needed for each and rank them. List schools in your area that provide this training and share with others who are interested.